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1. AGNEW INTERVIEW AT DRAKE UNIVERSITY TOOK PLACE MARCH 15, 1972. HE DID NOT DELIVER ANY ADDRESSES APRIL 13, 1973. HE DID GIVE ADDRESS AT HARDING COLLEGE APRIL 12, 1973 BUT SUBJECT WAS NEWS MEDIA. SUMMARY OF AGNEW REMARKS ON GREECE AT DRAKE FOLLOWS.

2. ASKED WHY HE HAD RECENTLY (NEA/ GRK CANNOT IDENTIFY OCCASION) SAID HE " STRONGLY DEFENDED" GOG, AGNEW REPLIED REGIME HAD BROUGHT MEASURE OF STABILITY, THOUGH WITH REPRESSIVE MEASURES, TO SITUATION OF POLITICAL TURMOIL AND ECONOMIC COLLAPSE. HE ADDED GOG " NOT DICTATORS SHIELDED FROM THE PEOPLE." REFERRING TO HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PAPADOPOULOS, AGNEW SAID HE ACCEPTED PM' S ASSURANCE OF INTENTION TO RETURN GREECE TO FULL DEMOCRACY UNDER 1968 CONSTITUTION SOONEST POSSIBLE AND THAT HE BELIEVES PAPADOPOULOS DOES NOT WANT CONTINUATION OF " THE REVOLUTION" OR STRIFE CAUSED BY " SMALL MINORITY OF COMMUNISTS AND THEIR SYMPATHIZERS IN GREECE."

3. AGNEW CONTRASTED ATTITUDES IN U. S. TOWARD COMMUNIST
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YUGOSLAVIA AND NATO ALLY GREECE. HE SAID U. S. HAS GIVEN

MORE ECONOMIC AID TO YUGOSLAVIA THAN TO GREECE THOUGH
GREECE HAS BEEN GOOD ALLY TO U. S. IN FACING OUR ADVER-
SARIES AROUND WORLD AND IN SUPPORTING U. S. INTERESTS IN
UN. GREECE SHOULD BE VIEWED IN MORE BALANCED MANNER.
CRITICISM SHOULD NOT BE RESERVED FOR ONLY RIGHT WING
DICTATORSHIPS.

4. FULL TEXT OF GREEK PORTION OF AGNEW INTERVIEW BEING
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